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Supply of Government reports to the Consul of the United States of America at Madras.

* 1324 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government reports are sent by the Government to the Consul of the United States of America at Madras?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A list* is placed on the table of House."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government take steps to see to it that the reports which are to be placed on the table of this House are sent to the Consul of the United States of America only after those reports are placed on the table of the House, inasmuch as sending those reports before our seeing them affects the prestige of Members of this House? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Only in cases where the reports are published and made available to the public, they are sent to the Consul of the United States of America."

Palar Scheme for the supply of water to Kancheepuram.

* 1325 *Q.*—Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Palar Scheme for augmenting the water-supply to the Kancheepuram Municipal area has been completed?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir, the first stage of the scheme has been just sanctioned for execution and the Sanitary Engineer has taken steps to push through the work."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of acute shortage of water and in view of the urgency of the matter, will the Government be pleased to place the entire amount sanctioned for the scheme at the disposal of the Conjeeveram Municipality? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Sanitary Engineer has taken up the work. It will cost about Rs. 1,00,000 at the first stage."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that water is sold in Conjeeveram by the pots, one pot costing four annas? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" That is why Government have sanctioned the investigation of the scheme and have sanctioned the execution of the first stage."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what works are proposed to be covered by the first stage? "

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